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SUBJ: KUWAIT/IRAQ BORDER DISPUTE

1. IRAQIAN AMBASSADOR JUNE 1 PROVIDED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT STATUS
EFFORTS RESOLVE KUWAIT/IRAQ BOUNDARY DISPUTE. INFO COINCIDES
GENERALLY WITH THAT OBTAINED BY EMBASSY FROM OTHER SOURCES.

2. FOLLOWING FAILURE GOI TO RESPOND TO KUWAITI PROPOSAL CARRIED
BY ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE TO BAGHDAD IN APRIL, GOK
REVISED PROPOSAL OFFERING TO LEASE TO IRAQ FOR NOMINAL SUMS
AND FOR INDEFINITE DURATION WARBAH ISLAND AND NORTH HALF OF
BUBIYAN ISLAND. IN ADDITION, GOK PROPOSED JOINT DEVELOPEMENT
AND USE OF CHANNELS TO IRAQI PORT OF UM QASR. REVISED PROPOSAL
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WAS CARRIED TO BAGHDAD MAY 13 BY EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT
WHO SUGGESTED TOKEN WITHDRAWAL OF ARMED FORCES BOTH COUNTRIES.

WITHIN THIRTY-SIX HOURS UNITS OF BOTH ARMIES PULLED BACK
SLIGHTLY, BUT IRAQI FORCES CONTINUE TO OCCUPY SOME TERRITORY
CLAIMED BY KUWAIT.

3. AT INSTIGATION PRESIDENT SADAT, QUADRAPARTITE COMMISSION
HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH ALGERIAN, EGYPTIAN, IRAQI AND KUWAITI
MEMBERSHIP. LATTER HAS MET AT LEAST TWICE IN EFFORT TO MOVE
TOWARDS ACCOMMODATION. NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BECAUSE OF
ALLEGED IRAQI INSISTENCE THAT KUWAIT GIVE MORE AND KUWAITI
CLAIM IT HAS MADE MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS POSSIBLE. ACCORDING TO
IRANIAN AMBASSADOR, KUWAITI OFFICIALS ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT
PROSPECTS FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT.
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